

Remarks

These Remarks are in reply to the Office action mailed May 5, 2000.

Rejection of Claims 4-9, 12-18, 20-21, 27-30, 33, 35, 39-40, 42 and 46-52 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 4-9, 12-18, 20-21, 27-30, 33, 35, 39-40, 42 and 46-52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,853,327 to Gilboa ("*Gilboa*").

The present application claims priority back to U.S. Patent No. 5,823,782 which has an effective filing date of December 29, 1995. The present application thus has an effective filing date before that of *Gilboa*. Therefore, *Gilboa* is not prior art to the present invention under §102(e), and applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 4-9, 12-18, 20-21, 27-30, 33, 35, 39-40, 42 and 46-52 over *Gilboa* be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 10 and 19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gilboa* in view of *Whitfield*.

As indicated above, *Gilboa* cannot be considered prior art to the present invention, and it is therefore respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 10 and 19 on these grounds be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 11 and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 11 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gilboa* in view of *Whitfield*.

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